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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 9 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. JAPAN

EMPEROR LEAVES CHICAGO WEDS MORNING FOR LA (CHITRIB; WP),
WHERE GREETED BY CALIF GOV BROWN, LA MAYOR BRADLEY AMID
TIGHT AIRPORT SECURITY. SMALL GROUP OUTSIDE AIRPORT
PROTESTED WHALE HUNTING; OTHERS DEMONSTRATED AGAINST
JAPAN'S INVOLVEMENT WITH SK (AP, NYDN). IMPERIAL
COUPLE VISIT DISNEYLAND; EMPEROR KEEPS COMPOSURE WHEN
MICKEY MOUSE INTRODUCED, BUT EMPRESS BREAKS INTO LAUGHTER
(AP NYT, SUN). MANY HOLLYWOOD NOTABLES AT OFFICIAL
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LUNCHEON FOR 500. EMPEROR SAYS LA VISIT CULMINATES
LONG-TIME AMBITION FOR SELF, WIFE (AP, SUN). IMPERIAL
COUPLE WILL NEXT VISIT SAN DIEGO, SCRIPPS INSTITUTE,
THEN FLY TO SF THURS AFTERNOON FOR 1-DAY STAY (LAT 10/8).

WSTAR CARRIES AP PHOTOS EMPEROR, DALEY TOASTING AT OFFICIAL LUNCHEON (10/8). PHINQ, WP HAVE UPI SHOT OF EMPEROR, AGRIC SECY BUTZ EXAMINING EAR OF CORN ON ILLINOIS FARM. CSM'S PRESS REPORTS EMPEROR IGNORED RIGID ADVANCE PLANS ON FARM VISIT, WENT SEE WHAT INTERESTED HIM. GIVES DETAILS OF TRIP. PHINQ'S MARTER NOTES EMPEROR ARRIVED CHICAGO DURING FOOD EDITORS

CONFERENCE. PRESENCE KNOCKED SCHEDULES ASKEW. WAITER SMUGGLED HER MENU FOR IMPERIAL DINNER; (08 5 853. , WONDERS HOW EMPERORS DIET.

BANK OF JAPAN PROBABLY WILL ANNOUNCE DECISION SLASH OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE LATE NEXT WK TO 6.5-PCT. DROP IN THIS, OTHER RATES CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO STIMULATE STILL SLUMPING ECONOMY (JOC). OVER 1000 FIRMS FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY IN SEPT, WITH UNPAID LIABILITIES 2ND HIGHEST FOR ANY MONTH SINCE WWII (UPI, JOC). STEEL COMPANIES PLAN REDUCE OUTPUT FOR FY BY 11 MILLION TONS FROM LAST FY'S 114 MILLION (JOC). MAZDA HOPES RAISE EXPORTS FROM 35,000 TO 40,000 VEHICLES MONTHLY, WITH MOST OF INCREASE GOING TO US (WSJ). P AND G SUBSIDIARY ACQUIRES BANKRUPT SOAP CO, NOW 5TH LARGEST COSMETIC SOAP MAKER IN JAPAN (UPI, JOC).

MAJOR SHIPPING LINES OPERATING CONTAINER SHIPS TO US EAST COAST FAIL REACH AGREEMENT ON MEASURES SLASH COSTS TO REDUCE DEFICITS. FIRMS SPLIT ON WHETHER CUT NUMBER SAILINGS, REDUCE SPEED TO SAVE FUEL (CULLISON, JOC).

SMALL TREMOR SHAKES N JAPAN, NO INJURIES REPORTED (REUTER, SUN). PANAMANIAN-REGISTERED FREIGHTER CARRYING STEEL PLATE SINKS IN ROUGH SEAS OFF CENTRAL JAPAN, 13 CREWMEN MISSING (AP, NYDN). TYPHOON CORA DAMAGE TO ISLAND 187 MI SOUTH TOKYO PUT AT OVER 15 MILLION DOLS UNCLASSIFIED

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(UPI, LAT 10/8).

2. CHINA

WP'S GREENWAY REPORTS CHINESE ANTI-SOVIET POLEMICS RISE TO NEW LEVELS. TUESDAY RED FLAG CALLED USSR "IMPERIALIST STATE WITH THE SIGNBOARD OF SOCIALISM... ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL WITH CAPITALIST IMPERIALISM." NOTES NEW SHRILLNESS IN ATTACKS EVIDENCE THAT LAST SIX MONTHS HAVE WITNESSED CHANGES IN THE INT'L BALANCE OF POWER THAT ARE POTENTIALLY UPSETTING TO CHINA. VIET-NAM, THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, PORTUGAL, REPRESENT IN CHINA'S EYES SOVIET THREATS, AND IT IS

SENDING UP ALARUMS.

TAIWAN ACCEPTS REPATRIATION 60 OF ITS COMMANDOS CAPTURED ON THE CHINESE MAINLAND IN 1960'S. MAIN RECEPTION CENTER IS QUE MOY. THEY ARE AMONG 144 FORMER COMMANDOS RELEASED ON SEPT. 22. THOSE NOT RETURNING TO TAIWAN OR HONG KONG (WERE 5 HAVE GONE) ARE PRESUMED STAYING IN CHINA (AP NYT, CHITRIB).
NYT, AND SUN'S WU NOTE THAT REPATRIATE ISSUE HAS FORCED INDIRECT DIALOGUE BETWEEN PEKING, AND TAIPEI. PEKING SIGNIFICANTLY CHOSE EVE OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY TO ANNOUNCE RELEASE, FREED PRISONERS TO QUEMOY AS NATIONALISTS REQUESTED.

CHINESE GEOLOGISTS AT COLUMBIA U. COLLOQUIUM REPORT RESULTS OF RESEARCH ON LAND FORMATIONS, MINERAL DEPOSITS IN HIMALAYAS, CENTRAL ASIA. ACCEPT "CONTINENTAL DRIFT" THEORY TO EXPLAIN MOUNTAIN RANGES AND, IN A DEPARTURE FROM CONVENTIONAL THINKING, OIL DEPOSITS. SAY OIL PROSPECTING BASED ON LAND MOVEMENT THEORY PRODUCES SPECTACULAR RESULTS (NYT).

FM CHIAO KUAN-HUA RECEIVES "BAPTISM AS NEW YORK COMMUTER" AS TRAFFIC JAM FORCES HIM TO DELAY AIR FRANCE FLIGHT TO PEKING (REUTER).

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LAT (10-8) REPORTS NEWSDAY STORY ON PRIVATE TALK BY SIHANOUK BEFORE UN SPEECH. PRINCE SAID DEPOPULATION OF CITIES NECESSARY TO AVERT FAMINE. NOW 100,000 HAVE RETURNED TO FACTORIES, OFFICES. SAYS RELATIONS WITH HANOI CORRECT BUT FORMAL, ONLY VIETNAMESE IN COUNTRY 10 MEMBERS OF HANOI EMBASSY. SAYS MODERN KR LEADERSHIP TRAINED IN FRANCE, NOT HANOI, IS INDEPENDENT-MINDED. CAMBODIA WILL BE NON-ALIGNED AND NOBODY'S PUPPET. NEW REGIME WILL ENCOURAGE MASS TOURISM.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD REPORTS EXPANDING SOVIET PRESENCE, INFLUENCE IN LAOS. ESTIMATES 300-500 SOVIET DIPLOMATS, PILOTS, ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS IN COUNTRY PERFORMING VARIED TASKS. SAYS SOVIET ACTIVITY IN COMPETITION WITH PEKING AND HANOI. SAYS DRV INFLUENCE PARAMOUNT WITH PATHET LAO, MAY POSE THREAT TO THAILAND. CITES ANALYSTS BELIEF THAT, SINCE LAOS GAINS FROM GOOD RELATIONS WITH THAIS, TREND IN THAI-LAOS RELATIONS WILL SIGNAL EXTENT OF DRV INFLUENCE.

UPI REPORTS TWO AMERICAN QUAKERS ACCOMPANIED AMERICAN PROTESTANT REV. AL G. KOWLES ON FRENCH FLIGHT FROM

SAIGON TO BANGKOK OCT 7. THE QUAKERS, DR. THOMAS HOSKINS AND JULIE FORSYTHE, HAD BEEN KEPT WAITING BY SAIGON AUTHORITIES FOR OVER A MONTH BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO LEAVE. AT LEAST 35 AMCITS REMAIN IN SAIGON AREA (NYT).

SAIGON OFFICIALS SAY CURRENT RICE HARVEST GOOD. SVN MAY EXPORT SURPLUS NEXT YEAR (NYT).

CSM REPORTS LEGAL SUIT BEING BROUGHT BY PRG REPRESENTATIVES IN MONTREAL TO RECOVER ART TREASURES REMOVED FROM VN BY REFUGEES FLEEING IN APRIL.

4. TIMOR

INDONESIAN TROOPS SUPPORTED BY PLANES ATTACK TIMOR TOWN NEAR BORDER ACCORDING FRETILIN. JAKARTA DENIES ITS TROOPS INVOLVED, SAYS UDT HAD RECAPTURED TOWN. FRETILIN CHARGES UDT, APODETI ARMED BY INDO, SENT TO DISRUPT UNCLASSIFIED

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TIMOR (REUTER CSM, NYT, SUN). FRETILIN REPORTS INDO TROOPS DRIVEN OUT OF OVERRUN TOWN BY ITS SOLDIERS (REUTER, NYT).

5. AUSTRALIA

US SINGER JOHN DENVER AT SYDNEY REVEALS USES MARIJUANA. STATEMENT BRINGS WIDESPREAD CRITICISM (GILDEA, WP). TO MARK INTL WOMEN'S YEAR, NEXT AUSSIE CYCLONE WILL HAVE MALE NAME, WITH LATER ONES ALTERNATING BOYS', GIRLS' NAMES (REUTER, CSM).

6. SINGAPORE

US OILMEN FLOCK IN AS CITY BECOMES SUPPLY CENTER FOR SEA OIL EXPLORATION, ONE OF BIGGEST PRODUCERS OIL RIGS. GOVT GIVES HIGH PRIORITY CONTINUED EXPANSION SHIPIN OIL RIG BUILDING, REPAIRING (REUTER).

7. GENERAL

RISE EXPECTED IN WORLD RICE OUTPUT, WITH THAI, KHMER, NK CROPS VIEWED OPTIMISTICALLY; SLOW RAINFALL ADVERSELY INFLUENCING NVN, JAPANESE CROPS; US PRODUCTION UP. SALES TO ASIAN COUNTRIES REVERSE DOWNWARD TREND IN THAI PRICES, WHILE CHINESE, BURMESE PRICES SHOW LITTLE CHANGE SO FAR (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

LAT'S ELEGANT SAYS FALL OF SAIGON HAS LED TO GREATEST CHINESE FEAR OF SOVIET ENCIRCLEMENT AND "ARMED AGGRESSION" SINCE SINO-SOV RIFT BEGAN 15 YEARS AGO. CHINA, LISTENING TO SHRILL NOTE OF MOSCOW'S ANTI-PEKING ATTACKS, ALSO WORRIES ABOUT SOVIET THREAT TO BORDER PROVINCE, SINKIANG.

CHINA DISAPPOINTED BY WEAK SUPPORT GIVEN BY EUROPE AND U.S., PEKING'S HOPED-FOR COUNTERWEIGHTS TO SOVIET AMBITIONS. SAYS HAK VISIT TO PEKING DESIGNED TO REASSURE CHINA OF U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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SOLIDARITY, SUPPORT. SAYS CHINA ANXIOUS TO CONVINCE U.S., THIRD WORLD OF DANGER OF SOVIET THREAT. NOTES SINCE SAIGON FALL CHINA HAS CLEARLY LABELED USSR THE GREATEST THREAT TO PEACE.

VICTOR ZORZA SEES PEO-
PLE'S DAILY ATTACK ON "CAPITU-
LATIONISTS" AIMED AT MILITARY FACTION SEEKING BETTER RELATIONS, MILITARY HARDWARE DEALS WITH USSR. ARTICLE REFERS TO LIN PIAO AS SYMBOL OF MILITARY FACTION READY TO DEAL WITH SOVIETS FOR MODERN ARMS (CSM).

VICTOR ZORZA COMMENTS ON CURRENT CHINESE DEBATE ON RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW AND MEANING FOR U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS. SAYS SOME U.S. OFFICIALS ADVOCATING MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO CHINA TO STRENGTHEN IT AGAINST SOVIETS. SAYS HAK PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN PRESERVING DETENTE WITH MOSCOW. ZORZA SAYS VICTORY OF PRO-MOSCOW FACTION IN PEKING WOULD CAUSE WORLD GEO-POLITICAL REALIGNMENT OF HISTORICAL PROPORTIONS. SAYS MAO'S LAST BATTLE BEING FOUGHT ON THIS ISSUE.

WP'S DODER NOTES RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN FORMER ENEMIES CHINA AND YUGOSLAVIA HAS DEEP IMPLICATIONS FOR BOTH SIDES. CHINESE TRYING TO COUNTER SOVIET INFLUENCE IN INT'L COMM MOVEMENT AND TO STRENGTHEN YUGOSLAVIA AT CRITICAL JUNCTURE OF TITO'S PASSING. YUGOSLAVS SEEK CHINESE SUPPORT DURING SAME TRANSITION STAGE. SAYS TENG HSIAO-PINGS REMARKS TO YUGOSLAV PM SUGGEST CHINESE WARNINGS OF POSSIBLE SOVIET INTERVENTION IN BALKANS AFTER TITO'S DEATH.

9. PHILIPPINES

PHIL DEFENSE SECRETARY REFUTES BUTTERFIELD STORY ON MINDANAO WAR IN LETTER TO NYT. CLAIMS CEASE-FIRE IN FORCE, SUCCESSFUL. CALLS ALLEGATION THAT PHIL ARMY IS POORLY TRAINED "THE HEIGHT OF DISTORTION." SAYS GOP TAKING STEPS TO DEVELOP PREVIOUSLY NEGLECTED AREA. GOVT POLICY OF DEVELOPMENT THE "ULTIMATE SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT." SAYS RETURN OF REBEL LEADERS TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLDS OF THE LAW BASED ON MOSLEM CONVICTION THAT GOP IS SINCERE, HAS WELFARE OF MOSLEMS, INCLUDING FULL AUTONOMY WITHIN PHIL REPUBLIC, AS GOAL.

10. JAPAN

PHILA BULL (10/2) SEES SIGNIFICANCE IN EMPEROR'S VISIT AS PUTTING CAPSTONE ON SPECIAL - "AND IN RESPECTS A MOST CURIOUS" - RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US, JAPAN. BALTO N-A (10/8) OPINES THAT HISTORIANS WILL NOTE VISIT AS MILESTONE IN RELS. SAYS HAS DEEPER MEANING THAN USUAL EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC GESTURES, IS BEST POSSIBLE EVIDENCE THAT JAPAN ANXIOUS CONTINUE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION. CALLS STABLE JAPAN VITAL COUNTERBALANCE TO GROWING COMMUNISM IN ASIA. BELIEVES WE NEED EACH OTHER SINCE BASIC COMMON GOALS SURPASS DIFFERENCES. CONCLUDES FULL US-JAPAN UNDERSTANDING MAY WELL DETERMINE FUTURE WORLD HISTORY.

WSJ SEES US, JAPAN CLOSE DESPITE DIFFERING CULTURES, ATTRIBUTES IT LARGELY TO ENLIGHTENED OCCUPATION POLICIES. SEES ANOMOLY IN ECON SUPERPOWER THAT IS MILITARILY IMPOTENT, THOUGH DISARMAMENT HAS BEEN ECON BLESSING. CITES SECDEF'S URGING TOKYO ASSUME MORE ACTIVE DEFENSE ROLE. MENTIONS PROBLEM THAT IRRATIONAL, PERVASIVE FEAR OF JAPANESE REARMAMENT PERSISTS IN ASIA, US; ALSO, JAPANESE PUBLIC OPINION FAVORS CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES THAT PROSCRIBE WAR, MIL ESTABLISHMENT, WITH NATION'S INFLUENTIAL LEFTISTS AGAINST REPEAL. BELIEVES GROWING SENTIMENT AMONG JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS, OFFICIALS IN WAKE US DEFEAT IN VN TO AT LEAST EXAMINE QUESTION FUTURE DEFENSE FORCE. OPINES ANOMOLY CAN'T BE SUSTAINED MUCH LONGER, CLEAR THAT CONTINUATION BENEFITS USSR, PRC SINCE NEITHER CAN EXTEND HEGEMONY THROUGHOUT ASIA UNLESS JAPAN REMAINS WEAK, DISARMED.

ROXROTH (LAT 10/8) DESCRIBES EMPEROR'S ROLE IN CONTEMPORARY JAPAN. FINDS HIM SYMBOL OF HOLY IDEAS, CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCH, CULTIVATED AND WELL-EDUCATED.
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MADDOCKS (CSM) DISCUSSES WORK OF CONTEMPORARY WRITER KOBO ABE WHO WRITES ABOUT THINGS (BUT NOT PLACES), RELATIONSHIPS (BUT NOT WITHIN A COMMUNITY) AND REFLECTS TROUBLED AMBIGUITY OF MOST OF COUNTRYMEN. KISSINGER

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